



File Code: 2720/1950
Date: March 12, 2021

Dear Interested Party:

The San Juan National Forest has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Project. The EA is available for review and download on the project webpage at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57877>. The contents of the draft EA are also summarized and available for review using a multi-media summary at: <https://arcg.is/00bfj0>.

The EA analyzes the effects of projects proposed by Purgatory Resort within and adjacent to their existing special use permit area on National Forest System lands administered by the Columbine Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest. The proposed Ice Creek Project includes the installation of the Ice Creek lift and permanent access roads to the lift terminals; the construction of four ski trails to create the Ice Creek ski terrain; and the reroute of the existing snowmobile bypass trail.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Specific written comments on the proposed projects will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the *Durango Herald* on March 12, 2021. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments (regarding Forest Service questions and concerns) must be submitted by:

Mail:

Kara Chadwick, Forest Supervisor, c/o Noel Ludwig
P.O. Box 439
Bayfield, CO 81122

Electronic:

Online comment form: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=57877>.

Note: the name and mailing address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included.

Fax: (970) 884-2428 (Attention: Ice Creek Project Comments)

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to the objection process described in 36 § CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR § 218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative firm from each entity submitting timely and specific comments must either sign the comment or verify identify upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR § 218.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Electronic formats accepted include email, PDF, word documents, spreadsheets, most images, etc.



Thank you for your interest and participation in this project. The draft EA and other supporting documents are available for review on the project webpage. For additional information regarding this project or the comment process, contact Noel Ludwig at noel.ludwig@usda.gov or by phone at (303) 275-5164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kara S. Chadwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KARA CHADWICK
Forest Supervisor